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Glossary:

Absolute Gains- States desire to gain more power and influence the system to secure their national interests.

Anarchy- A system operating in the absence of central authority. In the Realist sense absence of political authority.

Anarchic System- the ordering principle of international politics according to realism, and that which defines its structure as lacking any central authority.

Arms Race- Competition between the states to own more (advanced) weapons than the other states severely hiking the budget on military.

Cold World- Is the ideological battle between Capitalist USA and Communist USSR began in 1947 and ended in 1989 with the collapse of Soviet Union. The term denotes the absence of actual war but constant tension between the two Superpower bringing the world on fringe of IIIrd World War.

Détente- A brief period of the relaxation of tension between the Superpowers.

North Atlantic Treaty Organization (NATO) – Organization established by treaty in 1949 comprising of 12 later 16 states from Western Europe and North America.

Relative Gains- in Neo-Realists view, a comparison drawn by countries in alliance concerning which country is benefiting from the alliance more than others. A perspective blocking cooperation between the states.

Security Dilemma- A situation in which, one countries attempt to secure its own boundaries is perceived as security threat by other country resulting in arms race.

Superpowers- Term used to describe Soviet Union and United States of America after 1945.

Warsaw Pact- the Warsaw Pact was created in 1955 by communist states led by Soviet Union in response to West Germany's entry into NATO. The Organization was officially dissolved in 1991.